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DECODING METHOD, VIDEO ENCODING  
APPARATUS, VIDEO DECODING  
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PROGRAM, AND VIDEO DECODING  
PROGRAM

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Allowance mailed May 11, 2009. Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendment to claim 34 be entered under 37 CFR 1.32.

An amendment to the claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this communication.